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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

#### Claims 1-20 (Previously Canceled).

~~21.~~<sup>1</sup> (Previously presented) An immunogenic composition comprising a viral antigen and ribavirin for co-administration thereof, wherein said viral antigen is a nucleic acid.

~~22.~~<sup>2</sup> (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21.~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said viral antigen encodes a hepatitis antigen.

~~23.~~<sup>3</sup> (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~22.~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein said hepatitis antigen is a hepatitis C viral antigen.

~~24.~~<sup>4</sup> (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~23.~~<sup>3</sup>, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS3.

~~25.~~<sup>5</sup> (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~22.~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS4A.

#### Claims 26-27 (Canceled).

~~28.~~<sup>6</sup> (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21.~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 16.

~~29.~~<sup>7</sup> (Amended) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21.~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said nucleic acid comprises a fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 13 that encodes an antigenic peptide.

~~30.~~<sup>8</sup> (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:  
providing ribavirin;  
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a viral antigen; and  
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

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~~31~~<sup>2</sup> (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:  
providing ribavirin;  
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis antigen; and  
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~32~~<sup>10</sup> (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:  
providing ribavirin;  
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen; and  
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~33~~<sup>11</sup> (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:  
providing ribavirin;  
providing a nucleic acid, that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS3; and  
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~34~~<sup>12</sup> (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:  
providing ribavirin;  
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS4A; and  
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~35~~<sup>13</sup> (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

~~36~~<sup>14</sup> (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising an antigenic fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 1.